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REFERENCES: A) AC/259-D/567 DTD 12 APRIL 1977;
B) AC/259-D/569 DTD 6 APRIL 1977; C) STATE 086282 DTG
161836Z APR 77; D) STATE 073701 DTG 022252Z APR 77.
E) AC/259-D/573 DTG 8 APRIL 1977; F) STATE 084426
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SUMMARY: NADREPS MET ON APRIL 18, 1977, DISCUSSED THE TRI-
SERVICE GROUP ON COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS (TSG) AND
CONDUCT OF THE APRIL 1977 CNAD. END SUMMARY.

1. NADREPS MET ON APRIL 18, 1977. ASYG(DS) LABERGE CHAIRED
THE MEETING. SUMMARY OF DISCUSSIONS FOLLOWS.
2. TRI-SERVICE GROUP ON COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIP-
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MENT (TSG). NADREPS DISCUSSED REF A BUT NO DECISION WAS
REACHED. THE UK REP SAID THE UK STAFF COULD ACCEPT
THE COMPROMISE IN REF A BUT HE COULD NOT AGREE FORMALLY
BECAUSE MR. CORNFORD HAD NOT YET CONSIDERED THE
PROPOSAL. THIS ISSUE WILL BE ADDRESSED AT THE CNAD.
COMMENT: BASED ON DISCUSSIONS AT NADREPS MEETING AND
SUBSEQUENTLY WITH IS ON APRIL 20, WE BELIEVE THERE
IS A GOOD POSSIBILITY OF REACHING AGREEMENT AT THE CNAD.
THE KEY WILL BE UK ACCEPTANCE OF THE REF A COMPROMISE.
END COMMENT.

3. CONDUCT OF CNAD. A. MAIN GROUP PROBLEMS: IS DIRECTOR OF ARMAMENTS AND DEFENCE RESEARCH MUELLER EXPLAINED REF B IN DETAIL. CONSIDERABLE NADREP DISCUSSION OF THE ANNEXES ENSURED TO INCLUDE US COMMENTS ON ANNEX VII PER REF C. MUELLER ADVISED US ON APRIL 20 THE REF B WILL NOT BE CHANGED TO ACCOMMODATE NADREP COMMENTS. INSTEAD HE WILL COVER SOME OF THE ISSUES RAISED BY NADREPS DURING HIS REMARKS, AND THOSE NOT MENTIONED WILL BE UP TO NADS TO RAISE. MUELLER INTENDS TO SKIP ANNEX VII BECAUSE THE ISSUE WILL BE ADDRESSED DURING AGENDA ITEMS IV B AND IX A. COMMENT: ON THE TANK GUN ISSUE, US NAD SHOULD BE AWARE THAT WE EXPECT THE FRG TO BE DEFENSIVE ABOUT THE STATEMENT IN REF D CONCERNING US DOUBTS ON FRG-FRENCH ABILITY TO ACHIEVE INTEROPERABILITY BETWEEN THEIR 120MM SMOOTHBORE TANK GUNS. ADDITIONALLY, FRG MAY QUESTION US INTENTIONS ON UPGUNNING TO A 120MM GUN. HERETOFORE, WE BELIEVE THEY VIEWED UPGUNNING BY THE US AS INEVITABLE BUT NOW SEEM TO SUSPECT THE US WILL RESIST MOVING TO A 120MM GUN. THE REASONS FOR THIS FRG CONCERN ARE PROBABLY THE DECISION TO FIELD XM-1 INITIALLY WITH A 105MM GUN, THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE IMPROVED 105MM AMMUNITION, AND THE LOW PROBABILITY OF DETECTING TARGETS AT THE LONGER RANGES OF THE 120MM GUN. WE ALSO BELIEVE THE FRG DOUBTS THE UK CAN HAVE THEIR NEW 120MM TANK GUN

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READY TO COMPETE IN A FIELD TEST IN 1977, AND THEREFORE WILL PRESS THE US TO REAFFIRM THAT IT WILL UPGUN AS WELL AS MAKE A DECISION ON EITHER THE UK OR FRG VERSION BY THE END OF 1977. END COMMENT. NADREP'S DISCUSSIONS ON THE OTHER ANNEXES INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING:

- ANNEX I. THE UK REP COULD NOT ENDORSE THE RECOMMENDATIONS BECAUSE THEY ARE PREMATURE.
- ANNEX II. THE NE REP SUGGESTED THIS BE DISCUSSED IN THE RESTRICTED SESSION ONLY.
- ANNEX III. THE CA REP SUGGESTED CNAD SHOULD REMIT THE PROBLEM TO NADREPS, WHO ARE STILL WORKING THE AC/94 TOR.
- ANNEX V. NADREPS AGREED TO REVISE THE SUGGESTED DECISION TO PRECLUDE NIAG UNDERTAKING THE STUDY UNTIL IT IS CONFIRMED THAT NECESSARY FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE.
- ANNEX VIII. THE UK REP SUGGESTED THE CNAD DECISION BE EXPANDED TO REAFFIRM THE OBJECTIVE OF STANDARDIZING AMMUNITION AND IF POSSIBLE, THE WEAPON.
- ANNEX IX. THE UK REP, SUPPORTED BY THE CA REP, SAID THE ANNEX SHOULD REFLECT CNAD'S AUTUMN 76 INSTRUCTIONS TO NADREPS AND REPORT THEIR IMPLEMENTING ACTIONS.

B. NADREPS DISCUSSED A DRAFT OF THE CNAD "REPORT TO

THE COUNCIL MINISTERIAL MEETING" AND AGREED THAT A COMPLETE REDRAFTING WAS REQUIRED. THE REDRAFT SHOULD BE AVAILABLE BY APR 22 AND WILL ADDRESS FUTURE SAM SYSTEMS, ANTI-ARMOR, STANDARDIZATION AND INTEROPERABILITY INITIATIVES, AWACS, AND MAIND BATTLE TANKS.

C. NADREPS DID NOT DISCUSS AGENDA ITEM VIII D OR REF E, CONCERNING THE GROUP ON MATERIAL STANDARDIZATION. WE ADVISED IS AND NADREPS OF THE US CONCURRENCE (REF F) BY MEMORANDUM. PEREZ

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